

# The Collaborator

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## Welcome

Welcome to the twenty third issue of The Collaborator. This is an unprecedented time with the world seeing a massive upheaval as we experience a global pandemic.

We have signed up a new Industry Partner, Exida with several other companies expressing interest in joining.

If you have any feedback or comments on the content of this newsletter or are interested in being on the mailing list, please contact me via [safetycentre@icheme.org](mailto:safetycentre@icheme.org)

## What we have been up to...

We have not been able to attend any conferences or events that were due to take place during the second quarter of the year. However, the IChemE Safety Centre have been extremely busy. We have run several webinars. The first one I ran was the importance of leadership and what actions companies can take to help their teams perform at their best during these challenging times.

Zsuzsanna ran a webinar on what actions companies can take to safely operate their plant and highlighted practical details about safe shutdown and requirements for minimum staffing levels.

All the Safety Lore's that the Centre have produced so far have been turned into webinars. Zsuzsanna discusses two case studies that have occurred in the past, stressing the key learnings. Topics include start up accidents, storage tank maintenance, flare systems, ageing assets, and creeping changes to highlight a few.

All the webinars can be viewed on the ISC's [YouTube Channel](#) or the [ISC website](#).

The ISC members collaborated on a paper which outlines a collection of various good practices and pitfalls to avoid and to help organisations manage during the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been made freely available and can be found on the [ISC website](#).

## What's next...

The next edition of Safety Lore will focus on learnings from Alarm Rationalisation. This will be free to download from the ISC website in English or Spanish as well as podcast. If you have any comments or wish to propose a topic, please contact us at [safetycentre@icheme.org](mailto:safetycentre@icheme.org)

I continue to produce a series of podcasts named Process Safety with Trish and Traci from Chemical Processing magazine. They discuss current process safety issues offering insight into management options and next steps. The podcasts are available to download [here](#). The latest podcast discusses managing process safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, where I reflect on the paper we released.

## Current Projects

Work on the Metrics working groups on Alarm Rationalisation and Permit to Work continues.

The working group "Improve undergraduate engineering education in process safety" has started to draft the guidance document which will look at what key areas are important for students when seeking information when in the workplace.

We are putting the finishing touches to the last set of competencies that will complete the supplementary guidance on "how to build and develop process safety competence". This should be available in September 2020 and will be free to download. Keep a look out on the ISC website.

## New Guidance document

The new guidance document "Framing of Process Safety Management in early phase projects" is now available to [download](#) from the ISC website.

Stay safe...

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